

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-15, and 17-20 are pending. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-15, and 17-20 are rejected.

Claims 1, 5-8 and 15 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103**

In the most recent Office Action, Claims 1, 7-9, 11, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Publication No. 2001/0005695 to Dent (hereinafter “*Dent*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,729,537 issued to Billstrom (hereinafter “*Billstrom*”). In addition, claims 3-6, 12, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dent* in view of *Billstrom*, and further in view of Publication No. 2002/0059425 to Belfiore et al. (hereinafter “*Belfiore*”).

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The present invention generally relates to a remote services system that provides a process for confirming the identity of a message sender by comparing the claimed identity contained in the message itself against the network identity of the sender. More specifically, in the present invention, the identity is verified by comparing the identity claimed in the application software level with the identity claimed in the network software level. The system and method of applicant’s invention is described in more detail in the Detailed Description, particularly in the discussion beginning on page 20, line 20 continuing to page 30, line 15 and in Figures 13a,b and 14-16.

Independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended to recite that the encryption of the data stream comprises secure sockets layer encryption and that the mid-level manager operates in the remote services system between a customer proxy and an applications server. These limitations were previously recited in dependent claims 3, 4, 16 and 17, which have been canceled in this Response.

Examiner continues to apply the combination of Dent and Billstrom in the rejection of independent claims 1, 9 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Dent relates to a dual-mode satellite and terrestrial mobile communications system. Contrary to Examiner's statements, Dent does not disclose a remote services system, nor a mid-level manager. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the rejection of independent claims 1, 9, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be removed.

Independent claims 1, 9, and 15 recite features not shown in the prior art and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable. In addition, dependent claims 5-8, 11-14, and 18--20 are allowable since they are dependent from an allowable independent claim.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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